

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
Bismarck, ND 58502

July 9, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Water and Waste Disposal Interest Rates, Grant Levels and Applicable Median Household Incomes

**TO:** Rural Development Program Section

**PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:** Advise of median household income levels and quarterly changes in interest rates.

**COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:** This AN replaces ND AN No. 1398 (RUS 1780) dated April 4, 2003.

**IMPLEMENTATION/RESPONSIBILITIES:** Water and Waste Disposal loans approved July 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003, will have interest rates as set out below. 1990 Census Median Household Income figures will continue to be used to establish the interest rate and in determining grants. The 2000 Median Household Income figures will not be available for use until Fiscal Year 2004.

4.500% - Poverty Line Rate: Must meet conditions of RUS Instruction 1780.13 (b) (1) and (2).

4.375% - Intermediate Rate: RUS Instruction 1780.13 (c), not to exceed 7%.

4.25% - Market Rate: RUS Instruction 1780.13 (d).

The median household income levels are as follows:

Poverty Rate Income Level: \$18,400 or less.

Median Household Income for Intermediate Rate: \$18,401 to \$21,794

Median Household Income for 75% Grant: \$18,400 or less.

Median Household Income for 45% Grant: \$18,401 to \$21,794.

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**EXPIRATION DATE:**  
September 30, 2003

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Following  
RUS Instruction 1780